

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Before examining the application identified above, please amend it as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1 and 3-7 by rewriting them and add new claim 8 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A masking member made of a foamed polystyrene having an